IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Anderson, M., et al. | Confirmation No.: 8934

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **October 13, 2009**, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the Amendments and Remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided with this electronic filing. However, if additional fees are due, or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.